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April 11th, 2012

**TO: HONORABLE SENATORS CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR,
MAILE SHIMABUKURO, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR.**

**Re: SUPPORT OF GM 899: DONALD GENTZLER, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.**

I am writing in support of Donald Gentzler who has been nominated to serve on the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board (HMOAB). Mr. Gentzler is an ideal candidate to serve on HMOAB because of his 25+ years of experience in the construction industry and his specialization in safety.

I've had the distinct honor of working with Mr. Gentzler for many years. His commitment and concern for public and worker safety is unparalleled. In the 25 + years that he has worked as a Crane and Heavy Operator, Donald Gentzler has tirelessly dedicated his time and efforts to ensure that his coworkers work in a safer environment. His concern for the people in his industry and his willingness to share his experience and knowledge would be a considerable asset to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. On many occasions, I have personally witnessed Mr. Gentzler mentor various construction members about worker safety. He has always taken the time to share the knowledge he has accumulated over the twenty five years he has been in the construction industry.

The HMOAB and its members play an important role in the construction industry and their decisions have a broad affect on the health and safety of the public. Donald understands the importance of safety in the construction industry and will be able to share his perspective from a construction safety point of view.

I strongly support the appointment of Donald Gentzler to the HMOAB. Please contact me at (808) 478-6352 or via e-mail at gino4isf@hawaii.rr.com if I may provide any further information.

Very truly yours

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Jurisdiction: Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and the Mid-Pacific Islands

April 9, 2012

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Strong Support to GM898 Consideration and Confirmation of Donald Gentzler to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board.

Aloha Chair Hee and Committee Members,

My name is Pane Meatoga Jr. and I am the District Representative of the State of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union #3. We have a membership of three thousand members. Our craftsmanship is the operation of all the Heavy Equipment in the construction industry which include all of the hoisting equipment. Ninety eight percent of the licensed crane operators are members of our union.

Mr. Gentzler has over 30 years of service with 25 of those years dedicated to the operation of cranes. His experience and safety minded attitude will bring a good perspective to the advisory board in ensuring the safety of hoisting machine operators and those that work around these machines.

We thank him for his willingness to serve the public and support his efforts. We sincerely ask your support in his confirmation to the board.

Mahalo,

Pane Meatoga Jr.

District Representative

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